

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ajit Singh Gill

Examiner: James M. Hewitt

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For: "Pipe Coupling"



RESPONSE TO SECOND NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 23, 2004, to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 10, 2005, and to the second Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 9, 2005, applicant hereby resubmits the amendments to Paragraph 23 of the application, and to all Claims of the application, as follows. This is a resubmission of the Amendment dated December 23, 2004, filed December 27, 2004, reformatted so that the amended claims start on a separate page after the amended Paragraph 23 as requested in the first Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 10, 2005, and with the claim status revised to show the non-elected claims as withdrawn as requested by the second Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 9, 2005. The claims covering the elected species are Claims 1, 2, 4, 22, 23, and 24. Claims 3, 5-21, and 25-27 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as

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drawn to non-elected species. However, such claims remain in the application and have been amended by the current amendment and are shown in amended form.

[0023] The said slidable jaws 60 and 62 are preferably provided with gripping surfaces on the arcuate portions which contact the surface of the pipe end portion to be coupled. Such gripping surfaces may be provided by rubber material or by plastic or abrasive material or teeth to provide frictional contact with the pipe. ~~The optional bolt with stem Stem 85 is depicted by~~ of optional bolt 24 extends through hole 86 in coupling body C and ~~which~~ keeps the coupling fixed with respect to two ends 16 and 16A of pipes 14 and 14A. Said Jaws 60 and 62 may be provided with teeth J12 to provide the gripping surface to grip the pipe or they may be provided with any type of rough surface. The teeth may be parallel to the axis of the pipe or concentric with pipe.